



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the City of Franklin is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Franklin; and

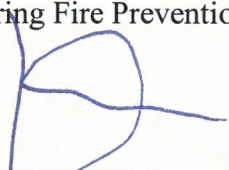
**WHEREAS**, U.S. fire departments responded to 365,500 home fires in 2015 which resulted in 2,560 civilian deaths or 78% of all U.S. fire deaths, per the National Fire Protection Association; and

**WHEREAS**, newer homes are built with lightweight materials that burn faster than older home constructions and many of today's products and furnishings produce toxic gases and smoke when burned, contributing to only one to two minutes to escape a home fire safely once the smoke alarm sounds; and

**WHEREAS**, a home fire escape plan provides the skill set and know-how to quickly and safely escape a home fire situation and a home fire escape plan includes two exits from every room in the home; a path to the outside from each exit; smoke alarms in all locations and a meeting place outside where everyone in the home will meet; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2017 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" effectively serves to educate the public about the vital importance of developing a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and practicing it twice a year.

**THEREFORE**, I, Dr. Ken Moore, Mayor of Franklin, do hereby proclaim the month of October as Fire Prevention Month throughout this city, and I urge all the people of Franklin to develop a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and practice it twice a year, and to participate in the many public safety activities and efforts of the Franklin Fire Department during Fire Prevention Month 2017.



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Dr. Ken Moore, Mayor – City of Franklin